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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am a home PC user with Windows 98. After reading much of the complaints against Microsoft, I beg you to let this settlement go forward and dispense with this case against the company. Certainly, Microsoft has played hard-ball, but its products are exceptional and has made computer use easy enough for even me to learn and enjoy. If someone comes up with a better operating system, MS will not be in such a powerful bargaining position, but until then, they should be allowed to market their programs to their best advantage. OEM's are not forced to sign contracts; if they find a better operating system, they can tell MS to bug-off. To destroy this company simply because it has excelled at what it does cannot be constitutional. The government and the courts should stay out its way and let the market take care of it. As for antitrust, what is with letting Time-Warner/AOL consume everything in sight? Won't we soon be going through the same thing with them, or are they protected in some way not now evident?

Sincerely,

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